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2 Ernie Pyle on the 70th anniversary of his death.

3 *Whereas, April 18, 2015 marks the occasion of the 70th*
4 *anniversary of the death of Ernie Pyle, one of history's*
5 *greatest war correspondents;*

6 *Whereas, Ernie was killed in the Pacific Theater during*
7 *World War II on Ie Shima, just west of Okinawa, by Japanese*
8 *machine-gun fire among the brave soldiers about which he*
9 *wrote, having gone to observe the advance of the well-known*
10 *division of the 24th Army Corps;*

11 *Whereas, Ernie began his journalism career early in*
12 *Indiana, where he was born on August 3, 1900, in Dana,*
13 *Indiana to William and Maria Taylor Pyle, working on The*
14 *Indiana Daily Student throughout his stay at Indiana*
15 *University;*

16 *Whereas, Later taking a position at The Washington*
17 *News, Ernie worked as a copy editor for three years, took on*
18 *various positions at The Evening World and The Evening*
19 *Post, and eventually became managing editor of The*
20 *Washington News from 1932 to 1935;*

21 *Whereas, During this time, Ernie was particularly moved*
22 *by the story of the burial of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington*



1 *Cemetery and soon desired to embark on his own traveling*
2 *assignments;*

3 *Whereas, Ernie's beloved wife Geraldine traveled with*
4 *him on these initial trips, and his simple letters home*
5 *recalling the Hauptmann trial in New Jersey, the drought*
6 *stricken states of Montana and North Dakota, and the labors*
7 *of the Coast Guard sailing the Arctic Sea began to capture*
8 *the nation;*

9 *Whereas, Ernie's travels then took him to the fronts of*
10 *World War II, living and writing alongside the soldiers in*
11 *places such as Africa, England, and Italy, which allowed him*
12 *to convey the journey each soldier was undertaking, from*
13 *their victories, to their fears, losses, and homesickness;*

14 *Whereas, By helping those back home understand life on*
15 *the front, Ernie's work became a must-read for 14 million*
16 *households across the United States, including the White*
17 *House;*

18 *Whereas, Upon Ernie's departure from the European*
19 *theater, the remaining soldiers lamented his leave, his*
20 *camaraderie and dedication to sharing their stories having*
21 *become greatly valued, but Ernie was eventually war-bound*
22 *once again;*

23 *Whereas, During his time in the Pacific, Ernie reported*
24 *on everything from the islands themselves, to the missions of*
25 *the marines and crews that surrounded him, to his own post-*
26 *war hopes and plans, which were the dreams of the soldier in*
27 *the foxhole as much as they were his own;*

28 *Whereas, Ernie's death was mourned by the soldiers and*
29 *by the country as a whole, President Truman remembering*
30 *Ernie as a spokesman of the ordinary American in arms*
31 *doing so many extraordinary things; and*



1 *Whereas, Such dedication to journalism should be*
 2 *recognized and commended: Therefore,*

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 4 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the life
 6 and work of Ernie Pyle on the 70th anniversary of his death.

7 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 8 transmit a copy of this Resolution to The Ernie Pyle World War II
 9 Museum in Dana, Indiana.

